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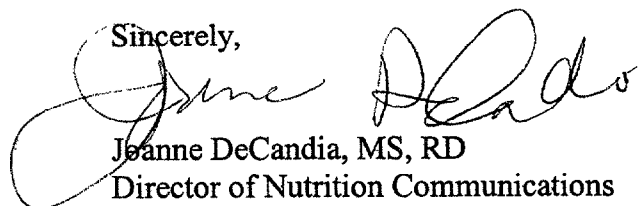
Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Lutein supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Herbal Authority, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, PhysioLogics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition and Vitamin World:

- Supports/promotes eye health.
- Lutein plays a role in the maintenance of eye health and is the principle carotenoid found in the central area of the retina called the macula.
- Carotenoids are fat-soluble antioxidants found in fruits, vegetables, marigolds and other plants.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

  
Jeanne DeCandia, MS, RD  
Director of Nutrition Communications

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